(Mrs)

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Dear Mr Newman

I wish I had a typist – but hope you can decipher my scrawl.

1. The legend is "G. Washington President I" on the obverse
2. The wing tips of the eagle are turned upwards on the Reverse
3. The legend on the Reverse is "United States of America"
4. The eagle of the coin seems to my poor eyesight to be "roped" or "decorated" in some way but I can't be sure

Perhaps the Enclosed ~~photostatic~~ copy of the illustration of my coin – may help you.

I made a futile attempt – as the Enclosed records – to make a rubbing. The Enclosed photostatic copy is of the illustration, facing page 130 of "The Memorials of the Hilles Family", by my uncle Samuel Eli Hilles. He received it from his cousin Elizabeth B. Hilles – 1813-1907, daughter of his great-uncle Eli Hilles 1783-1863. I inherited it by the loss of my uncle Samuel Eli Hilles, 1854-1934.

I also enclose a copy of the authentication by the United States Mint in 1946 – Please return it.

I will of course give it to you — and a copy of memorial of the Hilles Family — if you buy the coin.

You doubtless have a copy of "Early Coins of the United States" by Sylvester Crosby — which, on page 357 describes the coin. On page 352 the Heading's "The Washington Trial Pieces" and on page 355 the Heading's "The Washington Pieces of 1792." It is a genuine "Patton Piece."

The valuation has been given to me by a Philadelphia Expert on early U.S. coins — of the Quaker Talmadge family of Wilmington, Delaware, where I was brought up. My great grandfather Samuel Hilles was the devoted youngest brother of Eli Hilles. They together founded and conducted the well-known Quaker girls' boarding school at 1000 King St. until I was 24 — I am now 82 years of age —

I shall not offer the coin to anyone until I hear from you —

Sincerely yours
Margaret Hilles Shearman

September 27, 1955

Mrs. Margaret Hilles Shearman
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Dear Mrs.Shearman:

Thank you, very much, for your cooperation in getting me the information on the coin which you have.

I am sorry to advise you that I already have the coin in my collection and am returning herewith the information with respect to it.

The only difference between my coin and yours is that the edge on your coin is decorated and mine is plain. I would endeavor to add this piece to my collection merely for the difference in the edge if the price were more in line with what I feel its value is. I paid $350.00 for my piece which, likewise, has a nice pedigree. I do not know who helped you with the value of this coin but it was not valued very realistically. If, after you have offered the coin to others you care to resubmit it to me at a much more reasonable price, I would be glad to have you do that.

I also have the coin in copper.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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